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FOLLOWING REPEAT NEW DELHI 10308 ACTION ISTANBUL BELGRADE
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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PARTY, ATTENTION RESTON

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TAGS: OVIP (CHRISTOPHER, WARREN)

SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: BELGRADE 4907 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: NEWS STORIES DERIVED FROM STATE'S BACKGROUNDER
ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT TO INDIA RECEIVED
PROMINENT ATTENTION IN NEW DELHI'S LEADING ENGLISH-LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPERS APPEARING ON THURSDAY MORNING. REPORTS WERE
UPBEAT, NOTING THAT A U.S. OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
AT THE "MARKED IMPROVEMENT" IN RELATIONS BETWEEN NEW DELHI
AND WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

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1. INDIAN EXPRESS, STATESMAN AND HINDUSTAN TIMES CARRIED
DISPATCHES BY THEIR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS UNDER THESE
RESPECTIVE HEADLINES: "U.S. OFFICIAL'S VISIT TO PROMOTE
TIES"; "THREE SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO VISIT DELHI," AND
"U.S. OFFICIAL COMING ON SATURDAY." TIMES OF INDIA, CONGRESS
PARTY-ORIENTED NATIONAL HERALD, AND PRO-MOSCOW PATRIOT

CARRIED IN DIMINISHING LENGTH A SAMACHAR (INDIAN WIRE SERVICE) REPORT DATED WASHINGTON; MOST HEADLINES ON THIS ACCOUNT READ, "CHRISTOPHER COMING."

2. PARASURAM'S DISPATCH IN THE INDIAN EXPRESS STRESSED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS "KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING IMPROVED RELATIONS" WITH DELHI. "INDIA IS VIEWED HERE AS A MAJOR FACTOR IN PROMOTING STABILITY IN THE REGION. THE UNITED STATES NOTES INDIA'S ROLE ON THE WORLD STAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND THE UNITED NATIONS."

3. PARASURAM ADDED THAT THE U.S. IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. "IN PARTICULAR, THE U.S. NOW FOLLOWS A POLICY OF RESTRAINT AS DESIRED BY INDIA WITH RESPECT TO ARMS SALES. WHILE SALES WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED THEY WILL BE FOR CASH AND NOT FOR CREDIT...THE UNITED STATES NO LONGER WANTS TO BECOME A MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER TO THE AREA ON THE PRE-1965 PATTERN."

4. UNNA'S DISPATCH IN THE STATESMAN NOTED THAT MR. CHRISTOPHER WILL NOT STOP IN ISLAMABAD, "IN CONTRAST WITH PREVIOUS OCCASIONS...."

EMPHASIZING THE SCOPE FOR "EXPANDING BILATERAL RELATIONS," HE QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS SAYING, "WE HAVE OFFERED TO RESUME BILATERAL AID IF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS IS NOW SOMETHING FOR THE NEW INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE."

5. MENON'S REPORT IN THE HINDUSTAN TIMES SAID THAT "A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ISSUES THAT COVER A WIDE SPECTRUM OF MUTUAL INTERESTS." SAYING THAT "TRUST AND GOODWILL...HAS REPLACED THE SUSPICION AND RECRIMINATION THAT BEDEVILLED INDO-U.S. RELATIONS," HE CAUTIONED: "THERE IS NEED TO GUARD AGAINST EUPHORIA AND TO PROCEED ON A BASIS OF REALISM."

6. SAMACHAR'S REPORT WAS PROMINENTLY FRONT-PAGED BY THE TIMES OF INDIA, INSIDED IN THE NATIONAL HERALD, AND BRIEFLY FRONT-PAGED BY PATRIOT. SAMACHAR CITED A "HIGH-PLACED" STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SAYING, "WITH REGARD TO INDIA, WE SEE THE NEED FOR UPGRADING THE LEVEL OF OUR DIALOGUE, AND THAT MR. CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT IS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION." IT ADDED DISCUSSIONS "WILL COVER POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC MATTERS."

7. ALL REPORTS SAID MR. CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THAT OF JOSEPH NYE, "TO OPEN A DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS" IN AUGUST, AND BY SECRETARY VANCE'S LATER THIS YEAR.

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